

## Introduction:

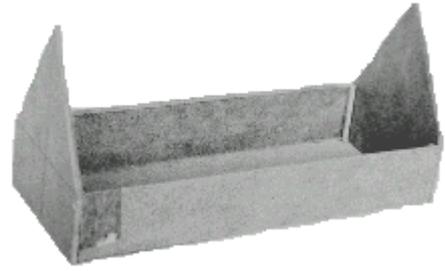
Make your dark ages wargames table look really special with a hand built village. The buildings are easy to construct and are durable.

## What you will need:

- Hardboard or thick card sheet.
- Cardboard
- Fur fabric - get offcuts from fabric shops
- Thin balsa wood
- Plaster of paris
- Plaster filler - used for filling cracks in walls
- Glue
- Modelling knife
- Paint



Put a card roof on the house ready for the fur "thatch"  
Note the fur does NOT have to have Dalmation spots!



The Shell of the building glued to a card base

## Construction:

1. Cut the walls from the hardboard The dotted lines on this plan will give you the sizes (I wear a mask to do this as the dust is not good for you). Glue the walls to a base of card. It's a good idea to glue reinforcement into the corners to make the building tougher.

2. Add a card roof (this does not have to be strong as the thatch will provide the strength).

3. When the glue has dried cut out two pieces of fur for the roof. This should be slightly bigger than the roof to allow an overhang. Sew the two pieces together so that the fur will sit on the roof like a saddle and the fur lies flat naturally down from the apex of the roof. Make up a plaster of paris mix (slightly more dilute than normal) and soak the fur in it. Drape the fur over the roof and comb in the "Thatch" look. I find a makeup comb works best. Leave to set overnight.

4. When the roof is dry glue on a door made from planks of thin balsa wood.

5. Spread the filler on the outside walls of the house. This breaks up the flat regular shape and looks like the daub of a wattle and daub wall.

6. When completely dry undercoat. I find that grey spray car undercoat is best. Paint main colours making the walls look a little muddy/light grey and the thatch a yellowy grey.

